
CARMEL OBSERVER



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Crime Watch Coordinators and Block Captains:

We have had several people ask what the difference is between theft and burglary. Below are definitions by Indiana Criminal Code and the citation (reference #).

Theft- (IC Code) 35-43-4-2- exerting unauthorized control over property of another person with the intent to deprive the owner of its value or use, Class D Felony.

Burglary- (IC Code) 35-43-2-1- breaking and entering of a building or structure of another person with the intent to commit a felony. This felony could be anything recognized by the IC Code, however it is most often theft- Burglary is a Class C Felony, but is enhanced to Class B Felony if the structure is a residence and Class A Felony if the act results in bodily injury.

Listed below is a great resource if you are interested in other definitions.

<http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/>

National Night Out

The National Night Out Program will be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2008. Sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, National Night Out is a campaign designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships, and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. We encourage you to turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with your neighbors. Help your neighbors put together an ice cream social, block

party or other community event. Police and Fire Department personnel will stop by your function in support of "America's Night Out Against Crime".

If you have any questions or would like to participate, please contact Ann Gallagher at 571-2500 or agallagher@carmel.in.gov.

Fireworks Law

- Fireworks can be purchased only by persons 18 years of age or older. Children under 18 may only use fireworks when an adult is present.
- Fireworks may be used only on the users property, on the property of someone who has consented to the use of fireworks, or at a special discharge location. (Note: A special discharge location is a place designated by the State Fire Marshall for the discharge of consumer fireworks).
- Fireworks may be used only between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m., except on Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and New Year's Eve, when the hours are extended until midnight.
- Penalties for violating the fireworks law can range from a Class A misdemeanor up to a Class C felony in the case of reckless or intentional use of fireworks that results in a person's death.

*Questions, Comments or Concerns,
Please give us a call.*

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